

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

Non-patent document 2: Masahiro Nagae, Jun Takada, Yutaka Hiraoka, Yoshito Takemoto, ~~Yutaka Hiraoka~~, and Tetsuo Yoshio. J. Japan Inst. Metals, 64(2000)751-754.

Non-patent document 3: Masahiro Nagae, Jun Takada, Yutaka Hiraoka, and Yoshito Takemoto, ~~and Yutaka Hiraoka~~. Materia Japan, 40(2001)666-667.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

An example of an alloy in which oxide particles are dispersed includes a molybdenum alloy containing 1.0 percent by weight of lanthanum oxide ( $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$ ). A lanthanum nitrate aqueous solution is added to a molybdenum ~~disulfide~~ dioxide powder and dried. The resulting mixture is subjected to hydrogen reduction to form a Mo powder containing 1.0 percent by weight of  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$ . The resulting powder is subjected to hydrostatic pressing and then sintered at 2,070K for 36 ks in a hydrogen flow to form a sintered body. The resulting sintered body is subjected to hot rolling or cold rolling to form into a plate.